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REMARKS

This application is being filed herewith as a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/750,410 (the "'410 application"), filed December 28, 2000. The '410 application is pending today, and therefore, the subject continuation application is co-pending therewith in fulfillment of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the specification to incorporate a reference to the prosecution history of this application. Applicants have also canceled claims 1-26 and introduced new claims 27-40. Accordingly, new claims 27-40 will be pending in the subject application upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

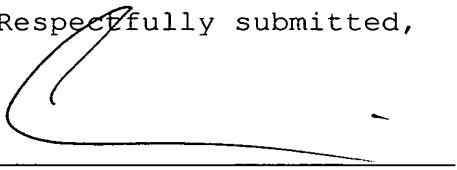
Support for new claims 27, 28 and 32 may be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 5, line 8, page 16, line 18 to page 17, line 10, page 17, lines 22-27, page 18, line 1, page 19, line 25 to page 20, line 5 and Figures 1 and 11. Support for new claims 29-32 may be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 19, lines 16-24 and Figure 12. Support for new claims 33-38 may be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 20, lines 16-29. Support for new claim 39 may be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 21, lines 3-9. Support for new claim 40 may be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 22, lines 4-25.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$385.00 filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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